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A Compact, Wide Area Surveillance 3D Imaging LIDAR Providing UAS Sense and Avoid Capabilities, Phase I



Completed Technology Project (2014 - 2014)

Project Introduction

Eye safe 3D Imaging LIDARS when combined with advanced very high sensitivity, large format receivers can provide a robust wide area search capability in a very compact package. This search LIDAR concept, when deployed on UAS, can provide target detection, tracking and identification of sufficient quality to enable search and avoid actions when other air traffic flies near UAS platforms in the National Air Space. Current fiber laser technology, operating at a 1.5 micron wavelength, has sufficient pulse energy and pulse rates to illuminate large areas around the UAS platform. The relatively low energy per pulse of the fiber laser is compensated by a new development in large format , compact receivers (2,000 x 32 or 1000 x 1000) which exhibit near photon counting capability in very small pixels (\sim 15 microns).

Primary U.S. Work Locations and Key Partners



Organizations Performing Work	Role	Туре	Location
Irvine Sensors	Lead	Industry	Costa Mesa,
Corporation	Organization		California
Langley Research	Supporting	NASA	Hampton,
Center(LaRC)	Organization	Center	Virginia



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Primary U.S. Work Locations		
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Project Transitions

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June 2014: Project Start



December 2014: Closed out

Closeout Documentation:

• Final Summary Chart(https://techport.nasa.gov/file/140499)

Images

Briefing Chart

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(https://techport.nasa.gov/imag e/129336)

Organizational Responsibility

Responsible Mission Directorate:

Space Technology Mission Directorate (STMD)

Lead Organization:

Irvine Sensors Corporation

Responsible Program:

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Project Management

Program Director:

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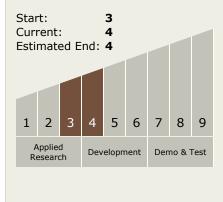
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Technology Maturity (TRL)





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Technology Areas

Primary:

- TX11 Software, Modeling, Simulation, and Information Processing
 - □ TX11.6 Ground Computing
 □ TX11.6.4 Quantum
 Computer

Target Destinations

The Moon, Mars, Outside the Solar System, The Sun, Earth, Others Inside the Solar System

